Approved:
Date 4/10/02

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Adkins at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senators Haley, Hensley and Lee, excused

Committee staff present:
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
None

Others attending:
See attached guest list

Chairman Adkins read a letter from Senator Hensley regretting that the Democrat members were not in attendance because they were attending their regularly scheduled weekly Caucus meeting.

Senator Schmidt presented a redistricting map for consideration, Kansas Day Revision. (Attachment 1)

Senator Schmidt then moved to substitute Kansas Day Revision into **SB 378**. Senator Corbin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Reports showing voter registration by party by district in Kansas Day Revision and population deviations from ideal district size were distributed. (Attachment 2) Senator Schmidt's motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2.

Senator Corbin moved to report **SB 378,** as amended favorably for passage. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Chairman noted that committee work on State Board of Education districts will be assigned later.

Chairman Adkins said that the House map has been referred to the Committee and that there will probably not be hearings held on it.

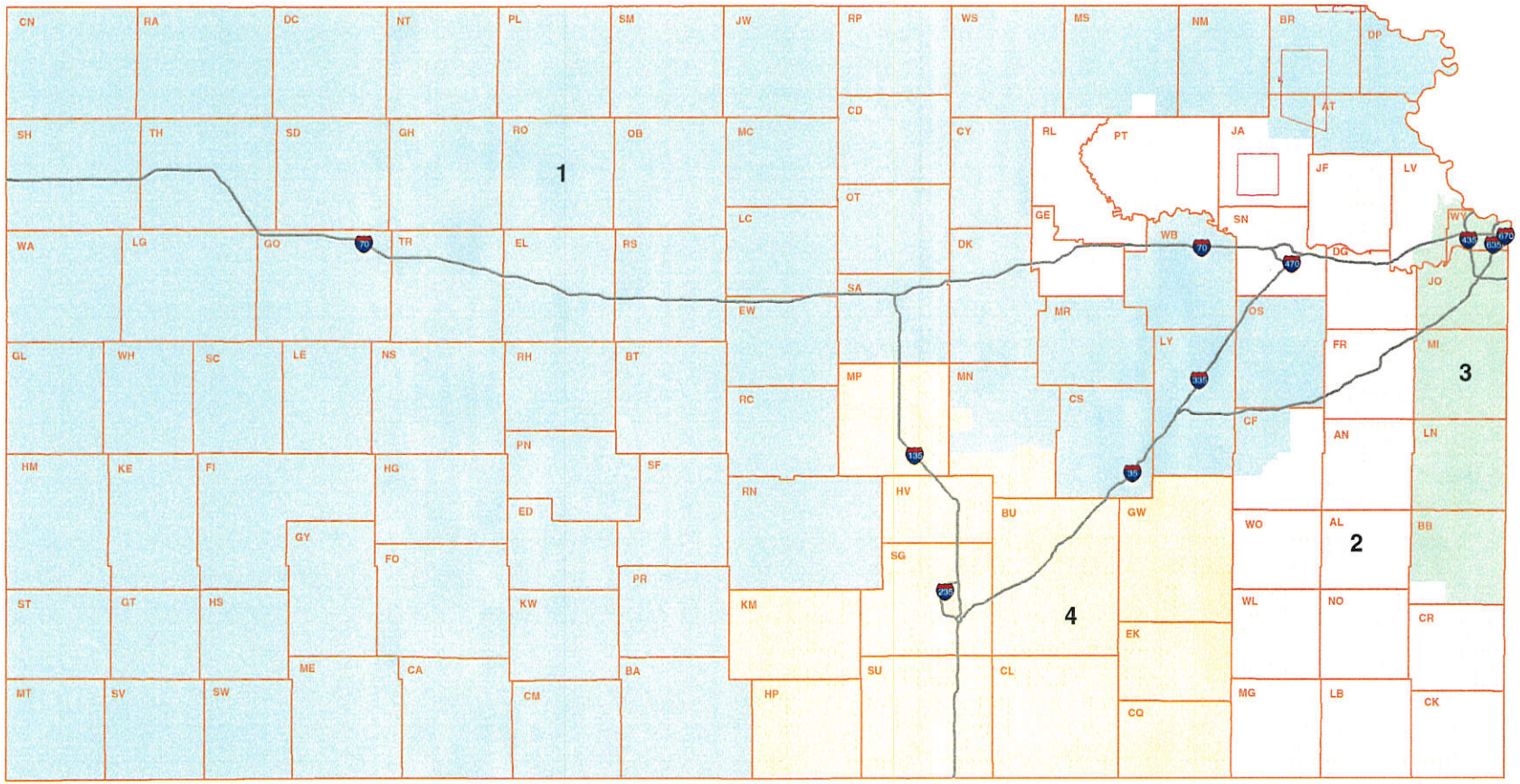
Correspondence received by the Kansas Legislative Research Department concerning Senate reapportionment is attached. Attachment 3)

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST
DATE 2-18-02

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bruce Dimmitt	Independent
Andrew Bailey	Adkins
Shawn Hennessee	Greater KC Chamber
Ronald [illegible]	KSGOP
Joey Bahr	House Democrats

Kansas Day Revision



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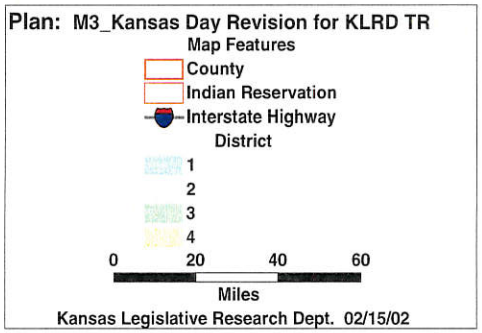

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Attachment 1

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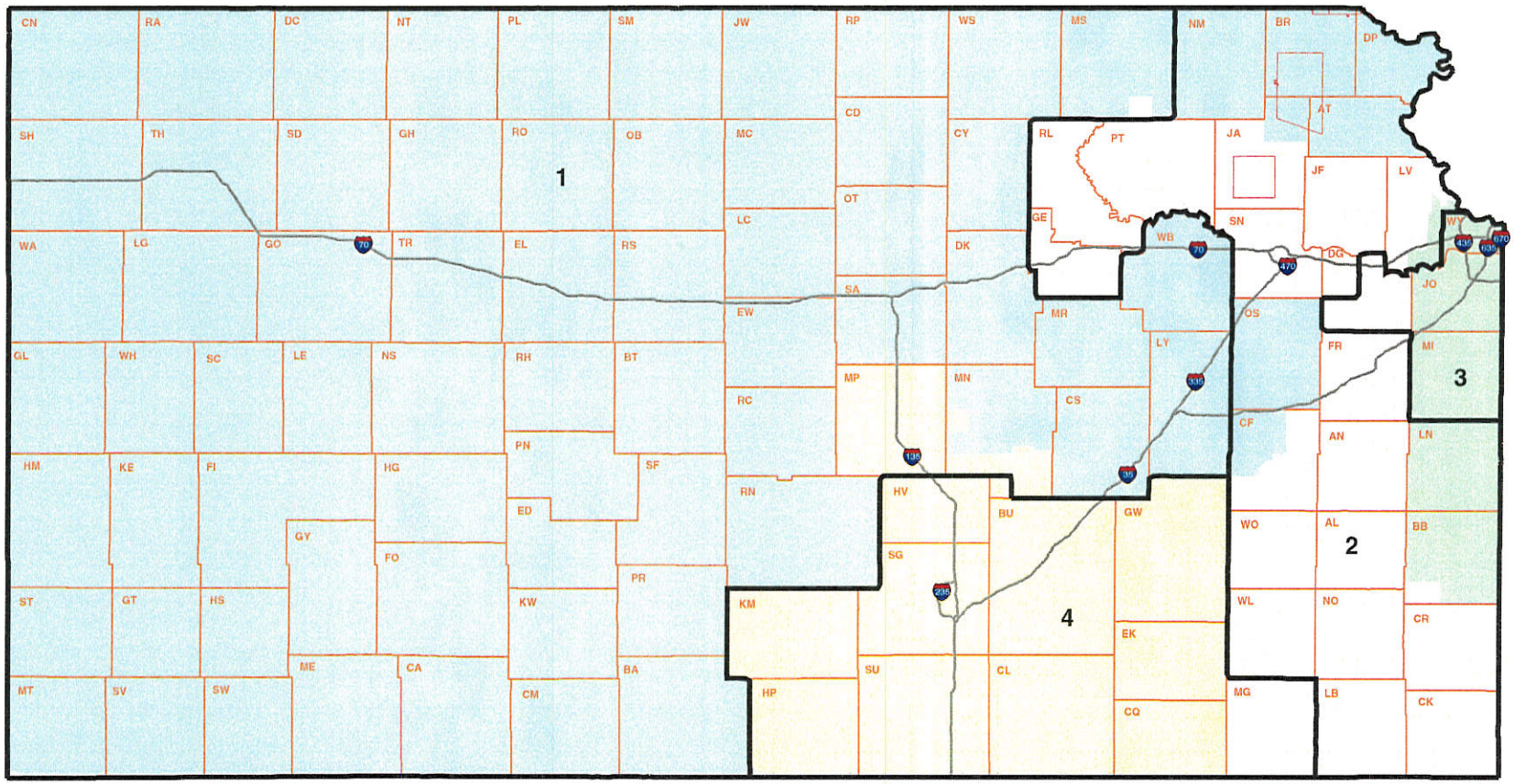

Black lines show boundaries of existing 1992 Congressional Districts.

Plan: M3_Kansas Day Revision for KLRD TR

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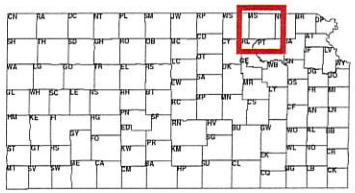

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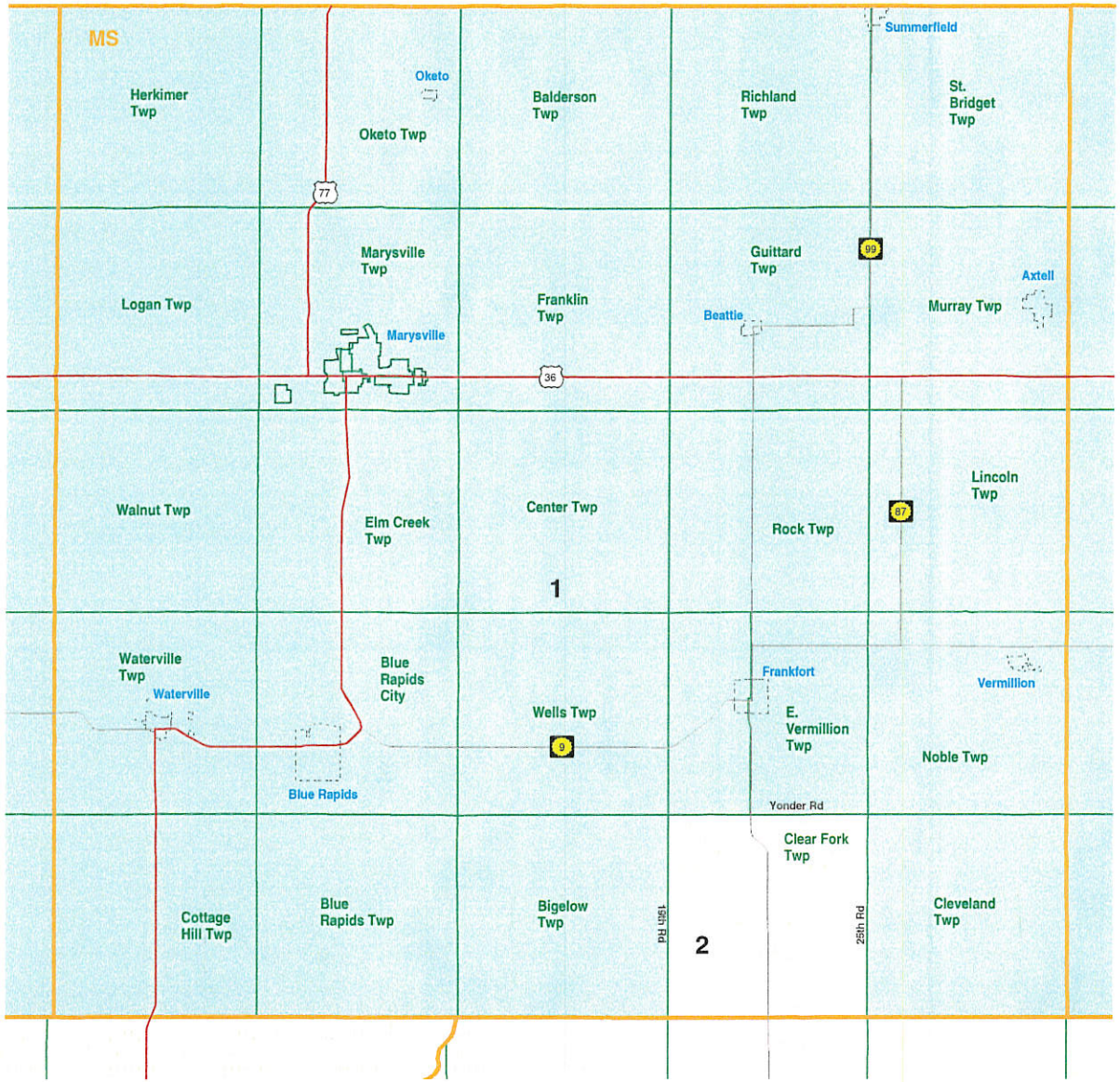

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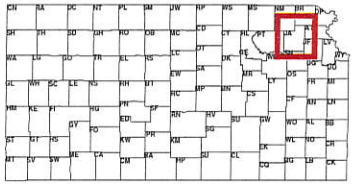

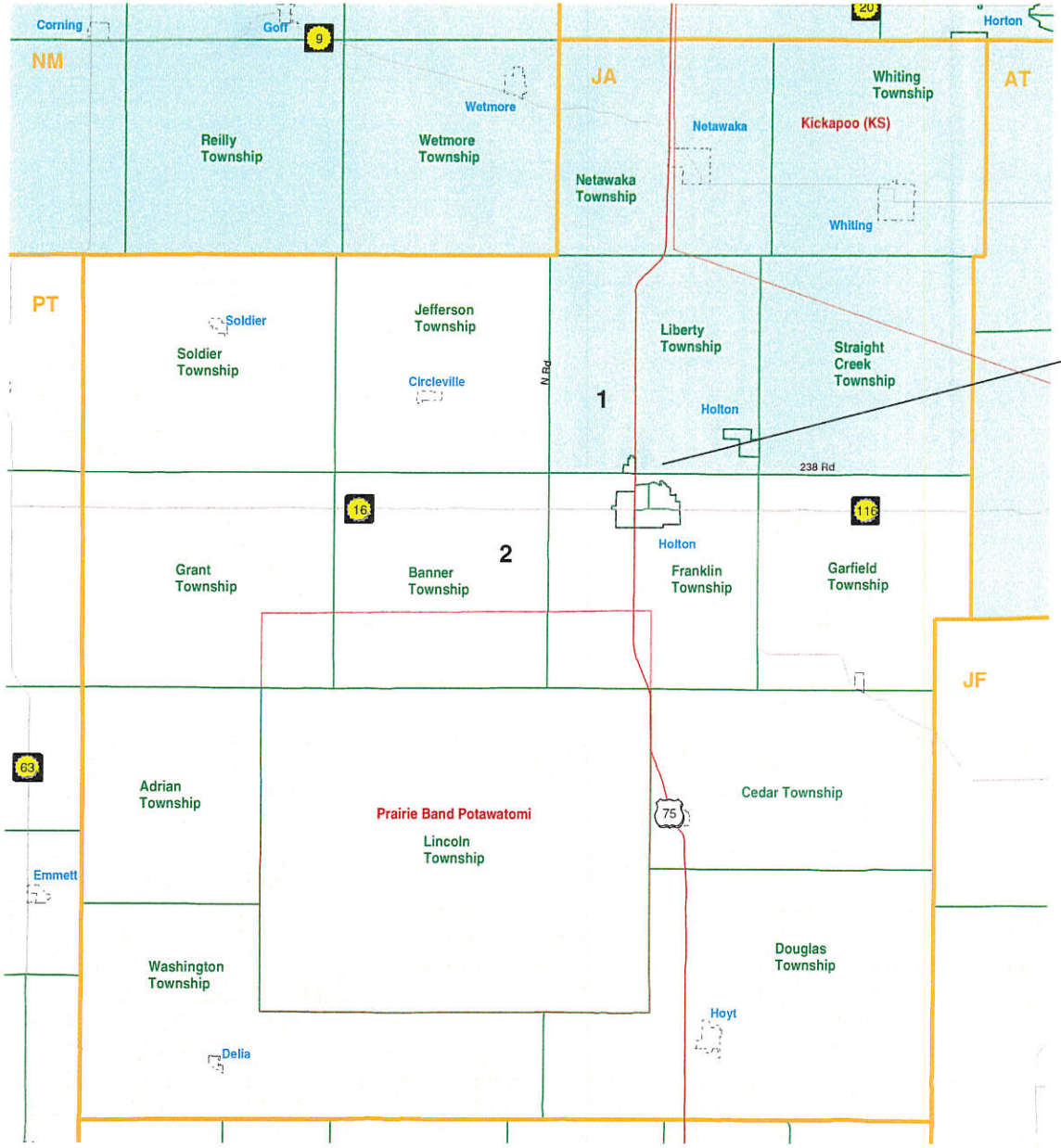

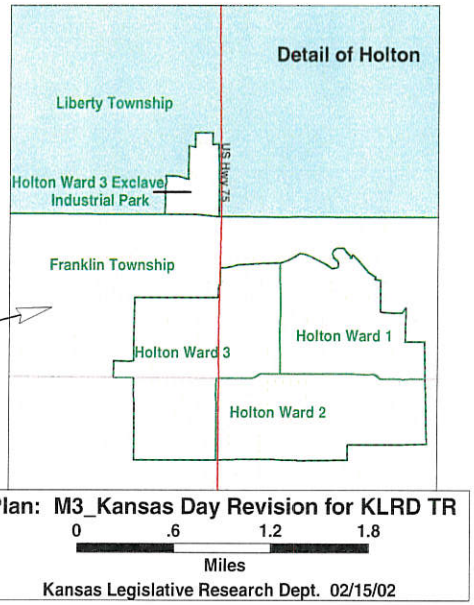

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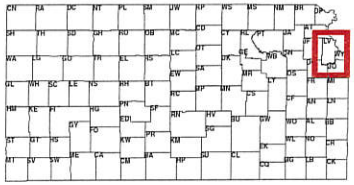

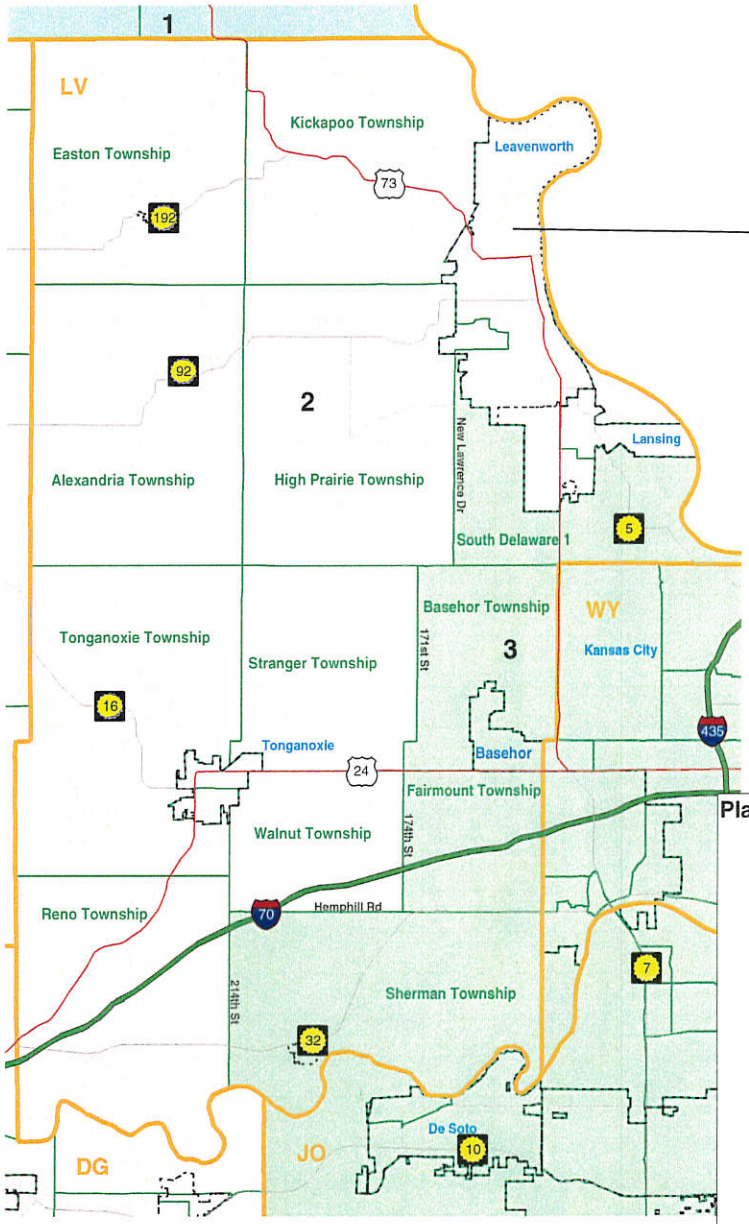

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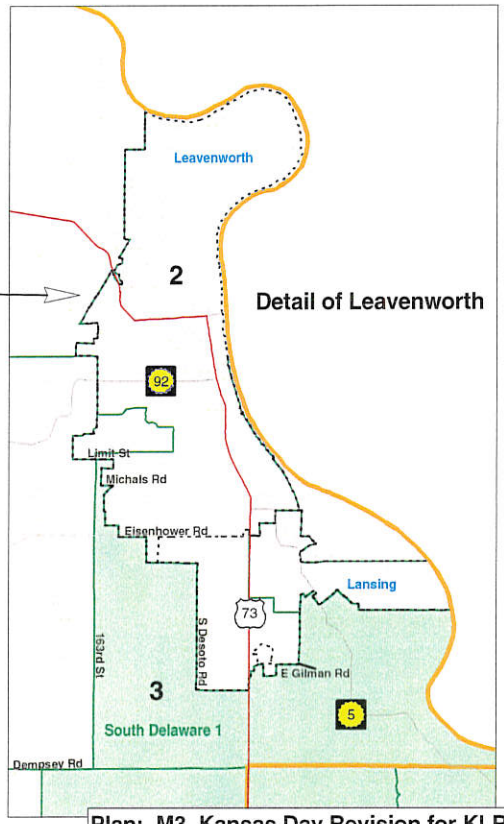

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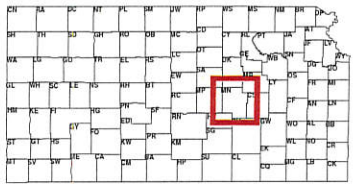

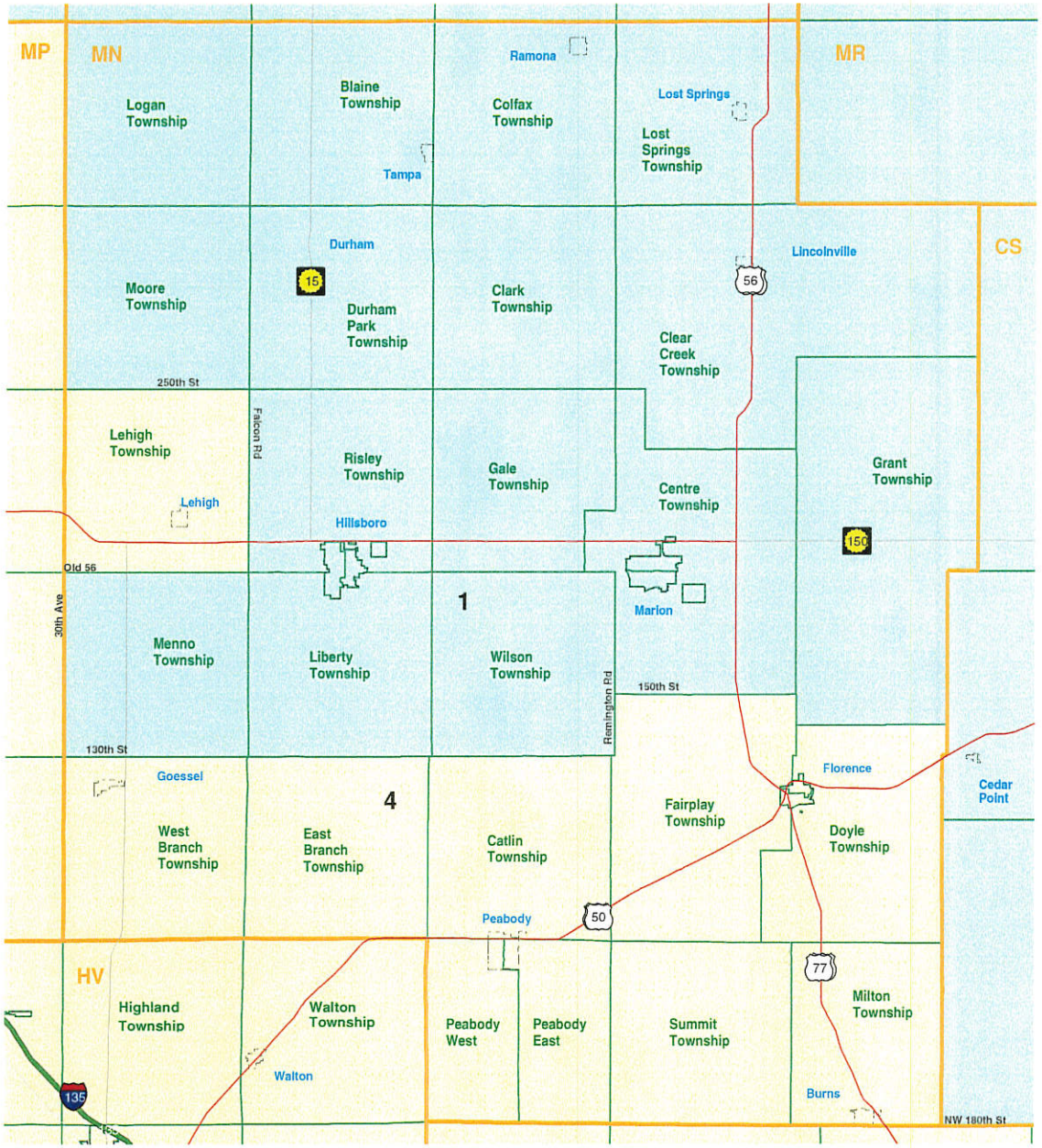

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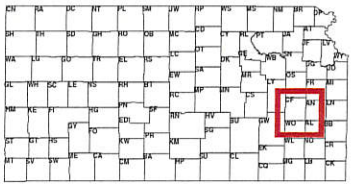

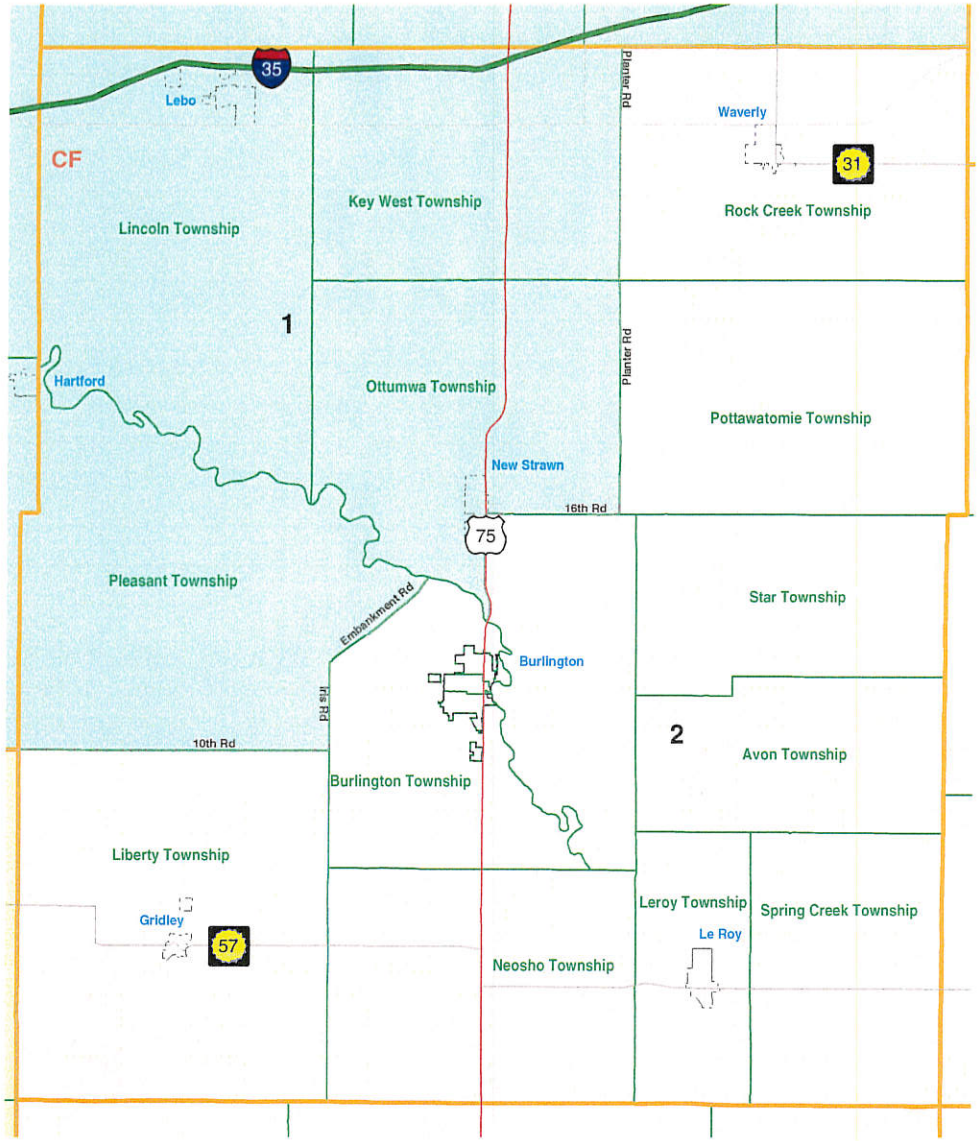

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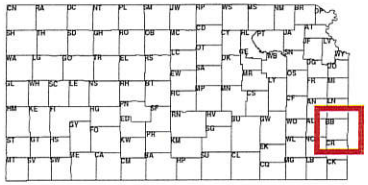

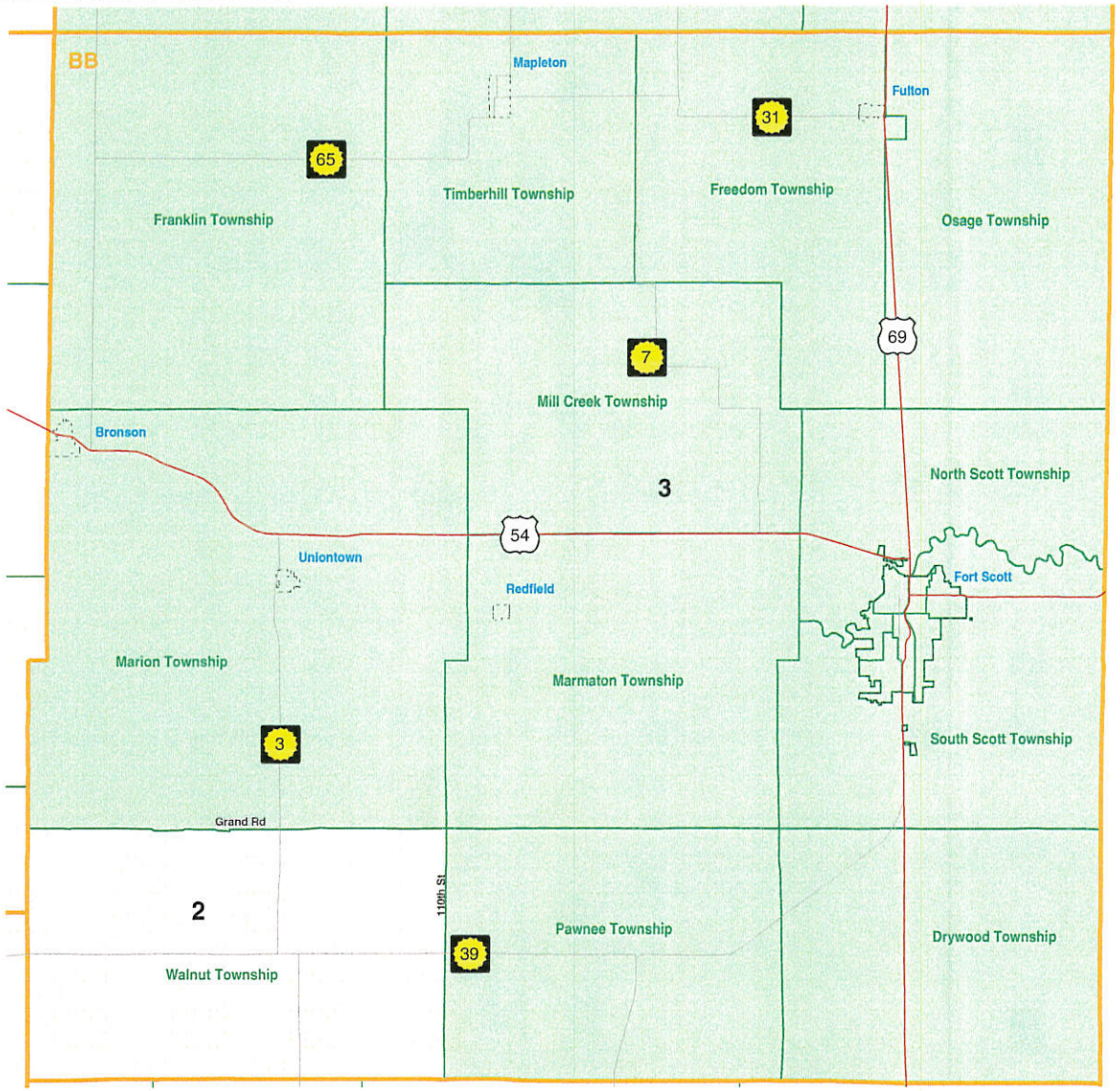

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Population Summary Report

DISTRICT	Population	DEVIATION	% DEVN.
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Ideal District Population: 672,105

Summary Statistics

Population Range: 672,087 to 672,124
Ratio Range: 1.00
Absolute Range: -18 to 19
Absolute Overall Range: 37.00
Relative Range: 0.00% to 0.00%
Relative Overall Range: 0.01%
Absolute Mean Deviation: 15.50
Relative Mean Deviation: 0.00%
Standard Deviation: 18.27

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Kansas Day Revision

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To: Senate Committee on Reapportionment

From: Kathie Sparks, Principal Analyst

Re: Letters Received by the Kansas Legislative Research Department

Enclosed please find copies of 13 letters, and one e-mail about Senate Reapportionment received by the Kansas Legislative Research Department. The letters are from:

- Form letters received from:

  Margaret Reed, Courtland, Kansas
  Harriet L. Boyles, Courtland, Kansas
  Barbara Langston, Courtland, Kansas
  Elmer M. Langston, Courtland, Kansas
  Laverta M. Carlson, Courtland, Kansas
  Kay L. Mikesell, Courtland, Kansas
  Wilma Mikesell, Courtland, Kansas
  Frederick H. Hurlbutt, Courtland, Kansas
  Norman Erickson, Courtland, Kansas
  Otis Erickson, Courtland, Kansas
  Phyllis Makin, Courtland, Kansas

- Letter from Michael D. Isom, Kensington, Kansas
- Ruth E. Erickson, Courtland, Kansas
- Email from Bobbi Miles, Smith Center, Kansas

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February 7, 2002

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Edward M Templeton

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I am in agreement with this letter. Senator Lee has represented us very well.

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Wilma Mikesell
381 Marble Road
Courtland, Kansas
66939.

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Yours very truly,

I hope sincerely you take the above remarks in earnest, as they truly express My thoughts I wish for our future here in Courtland area. Thanks for listening Darling

Phyllis Makin

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Box 158
Kensington, Kansas
January 31, 2002

Senator David Adkins
Chairman Senate Reapportionment Committee
Room 503 N
State Capitol
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Adkins:

I have been closely following the redistricting battle that is of significance to those of us who live in North Central Kansas. I am writing to you to express my concern of your efforts to eliminate Senate District 36 that will affect those of us who live here. Both Senator Lee and Senator Clark are opposed to this plan. There are other options that are available that would be within the 5% population requirement in order to keep Senate District 36.

I would also like to see that Kansas would adopt the Iowa system where a non-partisan commission redraws the legislative district lines. This would save much time, money and squabbling among the various political factions within the state. Your leadership would be greatly enhanced if you would lend your support to this plan.

Yours truly,

Michael D. Isom

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Box 158
Kensington KS 66951
31 January 2002

Mary Galligan
Legislative Research
5th Floor State Capitol
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Ms Galligan:

Please include the enclosed letter to Sen. Adkins into the legislative record. Thank you for your work as a public servant.

Yours truly,

Michael D. Isom

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Courtland, Ks 66939
February 7, 2002

Mary Galligan
5th Floor, State Capitol
Topeka Ks 66612

I am writing in support of Senator Janis Lee. I am a registered Republican but it is very evident Ms. Lee is for the people, regardless of their party affiliation. She has done so many good things for the farm community. I am not in favor of the elimination of a representative for our area. Janis Lee has had years of experience and it would be a great loss to the state of Kansas if she were not able to represent her district.

Ruth E. Erickson

Ruth E. Erickson
305 Wick
Courtland Ks 66939

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From: "Bobbi Miles" <bmiles@smithcenter.net>
To: <kathies@klrd.state.ks.us>
Date: 2/12/02 10:18AM
Subject: redefining the district boundaries

I am concerned about our loosing representation if the district boundaries are redefined. We live in a very rural area with a small population, and it is very difficult for our voice to be heard. Please don't reduce our voice even more. We need help in keeping our young people, attracting new businesses, and keeping and expanding our current businesses. We would like to cater to the retired. If you are not the right person to contact, please let me know whom I should talk to.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Miles

Bobbi Miles
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219 South Main Street
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February 11, 2002

To: Senate Committee on Reapportionment

From: Kathie Sparks, Principal Analyst

Re: Letters Received by the Kansas Legislative Research Department

Enclosed please find copies of six letters regarding Senate Reapportionment received by Kansas Legislative Research Department. The letters are from:

- Larry E. and Joan A. Brown, Courtland, Ks.
- Jerome Morgan, Wilson, Ks.
- Joseph Hubbard, Osborne, Ks.
- James Eller, Sylvan Grove, Ks.
- Dale Nonamaker, Osborne, Ks.
- Bill Linde, Woodson County

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January 28, 2002

Kathie Sparke
Redistricting Staff
Kansas Legislative Research Department
Room 545 N., Statehouse
300 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66612

Reference: Reapportionment of Senate Districts

Dear Ms Sparke:

We are opposed to any change in the current 36th Senate District boundaries.

The population shift is not large enough to require the elimination of a rural district and we oppose the establishment of a new urban district.

We support our current Senator Janis K. Lee and the work she does for us and all Kansans.

Sincerely,

Larry E & Joan A. Brown

Larry E. and Joan A. Brown
1725 50 RD
Courtland, KS 66939-8009

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Jan 30, 2002

Kathie Sparks
Redistricting Staff - Ks. Legislative Research Dept
300 SW 10th - Room 545 N
Statehouse
Topeka, KS. 66612

Re: Redistricting

Dear Ms. Sparks

In debating with myself as to an approach to the contents of this note regarding redistricting: I pondered if I should approach the discussion from a logical & factual presentation of the facts or if I should present a voter's discernment of the words which are coming from the members of the redistricting committee.

After reading the facts from the public hearing presented to the House redistricting committee; it is obvious that the facts are there and I do not need to regurgitate them once again to the powers to be.

We seem to have a greater problem of "justice" with our legislators. Their emphasis is on "power" rather than on "justice." Their mental process seems to present the question, what legislator can we enhance or what legislator can we detract? In the process, the good or harm which will come to the real Kansan is ignored.

I simply ask that the leaders quit putting various "spins" on their invalid and insipid explanations and become statesmen rather than party robots.

The legislators need to view justice and equality of all Kansans rather than the power of a party or the power of a certain area or the power of certain citizens. We need a legislative redistricting committee which puts pure logical thoughts and not 'spins' on their gerrymandering process.

Sincerely,

J. Morgan

Jerome Morgan
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Wilson,KS. 67490

Joseph E. Hubbard, Ph.D.
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February 1, 2002

Kathie Sparks
Redistricting Staff
KS Legislative Research Dept.
300 SW 10th, Room 545 N.
Statehouse
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Ms. Sparks:

From local newspaper reports the current redistricting plan appears to be very, very detrimental to the rural regions of our state. It apparently is designed to strengthen the republican majority but at the cost of rural representation.

I have been a life long republican, but this is too much. If this redistricting plan does cost us a rural representative, I will very likely vote the democratic ticket for the first time in my life simply to voice my displeasure at politics taking precedence over common sense.

Please use your influence to see a more sensible redistricting plan is created and that rural representation is not further depleted.

Sincerely,

Joe Hubbard

Joe Hubbard, Ph.D.

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Kansas Government Employee
Topeka, Kansas

James M. Eller
416 N. Kentucky
Sylvan Grove, Ks.
67481

To governor graves and others;

I hesitated to write and express my views on redistricting , because I felt sure you and the legislature would realize what is being attempted by some partisan politicians is unfair and not in the interest of Kansas citizens.

I believe people are understanding the quality of life found in rural Kansas is far superior to that experienced in the larger metropolitan areas. We will probably see a new shift in population as people seek residence in smaller communitees and commute to their jobs. We already have a number of families who are doing just that.

It seems that what is really taking place is a shift of absolut power to the urban areas and the rural community is being pushed aside.

Maybe what we really need is a clean sweep of the state House and Senate.

Sincerely,
James M. Eller
James M. Eller

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Dear Kathie Sparks,

I am strongly against the redistricting of the state representative districts that will not give farmers a fair representation of his needs. Less farm representation, will eventually mean less farmers.

For to many farmers have quit farming now. The long term effect of less farmers will not only be bad for farming communities, but will be hard on city dwellers as well, especially those that buy groceries.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Hornyaker

Dale E. Hornyaker
300 north Elm
Osborne Ks. 67473

3-22

From: "Bill Linde" <blinde@kscable.com>
To: "Kathie Sparks" <KathieS@klrd.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Mays" <mays@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative O'Neal" <oneal@house.state.ks.us>, <tomlinsonson@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Compton" <compton@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Senator Schmidt" <schmidt@senate.state.ks.us>, <oleen@senate.state.ks.us>, "Judy Lair" <glairfam@kans.com>, "Kansas Representative Dreher" <dreher@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Feureborn" <feureborn@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Williams" <williamsj@house.state.ks.us>, <garner@house.state.ks.us>, <gatewood@house.state.ks.us>, "Grant & Connie Alexander" <ggacsa@iolaks.com>, "Kansas Representative Horst" <horst@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Howell" <howell@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Long" <longp@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Miller" <miller@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative O"Brien" <obrien@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Ostmeyer" <ostmeyer@house.state.ks.us>, <tanner@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Vickrey" <vickrey@house.state.ks.us>, "Kansas Representative Wilson" <wilson@house.state.ks.us>, "woclerk" <coclerk@woodsoncounty.net>, "Judy Mohler" <kac01@ink.org>
Date: 2/10/02 4:49PM
Subject: Fw: Redistricting

I will be in Topeka Tuesday for County Government Day. I look forward to enjoying breakfast with you all.
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Linde
To: kslegres@klrd.state.ks.us
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2002 4:15 PM
Subject: Redistricting

Ladies and Gentlemen:
As the hour of final decision approaches, we in Southeast Kansas are concerned that our unity is being questioned. It is one thing to loose a voting member in the House of Representatives, and another to loose the one most precious thing that our nation guarantees, UNITY. United, one word that has remained in our lives throughout history. United States of America. Our counties still practice that one gift that you cannot take away, unity.

For some reason, Woodson County, of whom I am an elected official to the Board of Commissioners and Director of the entire Southeast Kansas District to the Kansas Association of Counties, has been divided. For what reason I will not speculate, I have heard numerous reasons, ranging from, dirty politics, to the lack of numbers. I hold my selection to represent the 17 county district as most rewarding. Woodson County, population, less than 4,000, our district 272,000 loyal Kansan's. Our commissioners chose me to represent their needs. We in Woodson County have needs also.

It really does not matter the reason, the only thing that matters is our unity is lost. Lost without even a word of what was in the mill, it was just done. I have sent numerous letters to various members of the House and and spoke of my unrest. We have less than 2500 voters in our county so I cannot understand how our numbers can be so important that they must be divided. It is not for our wealth, we are one of the poorest counties of the 105, ranking at the bottom of the per-capita income citizens each year for the last 20 years.

Clyde Hill represented our district for many years while serving on the House of Representatives. Clyde was a good friend of Kansas and he always told me that; "If it was good enough for Kansas it was good enough for Woodson County". It really don't matter if we are in the 9th or 13th District, we just want to be as we are one, whole and united county.

Please reconsider the hour nears and our few numbers can ill afford to be devided.

Thank you again. Bill

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